David Mayhew’s ***Congress: The Electoral Connection.***

Polity Reading (p155)

1. What is Mayhew’s main idea about the interest of all Congress members?

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1. Why does the author admit this motive can be appealing?

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1. List the suggested strategies that are used by Congress members.

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1. List and describe the key components of the **first** strategy.

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1. Explain the differences between House and Senate members in reference to this strategy.

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1. List and describe the key components of the **second** strategy.

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1. Instead of party accomplishments, what is an element of this strategy?

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1. Define “**casework**” and explain why constituents might find it attractive.

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1. List and describe the key components of the **third** strategy.

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1. What did you discover about the Congressional letter writers?

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1. Do the points David Mayhew makes in this reading apply to offices outside of Congress? Explain.

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